

Strafford, NH



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County
 Labor Market Area
 Tourism Region
 Planning Commission
 Regional Development

Strafford
Dover-Durham, NH-ME Metropolitan NECTA
Lakes
Strafford Regional
Southeast Economic Development Corp.

Election Districts

US Congress
 Executive Council
 State Senate
 State Representative

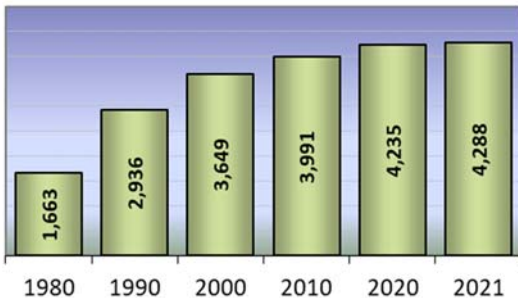
District 1
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Strafford County Districts 4, 18

Incorporated: 1820

Origin: This territory was for a long time part of Barrington, and settled prior to the Revolution. It was incorporated as a separate town in 1820, taking its name from the county in which it is located. Earl of Strafford was a title of the Wentworth family in England. Strafford, Vermont is also named for the family. The name was also adopted by a state militia company in Dover, the Strafford Guards, who later became part of the New Hampshire National Guard. The company served as escort for the Marquis de Lafayette on his visit to America, and saw service in the Civil War.

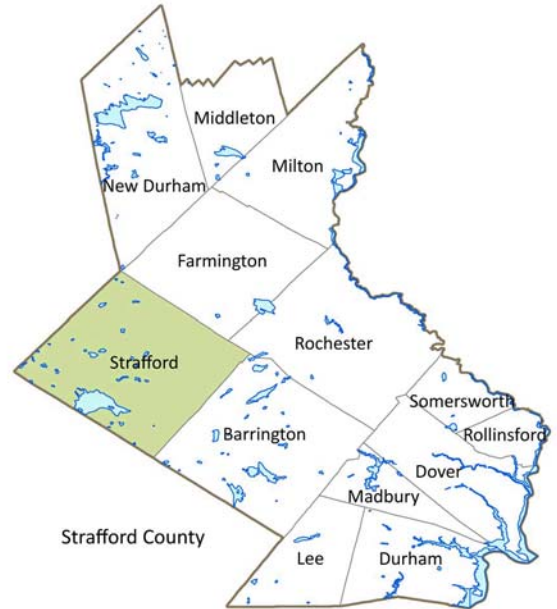
Villages and Place Names: Berrys Corner, Bow Lake Village, Center Strafford, Hills Corner, Leighton Corners, Strafford Corner, Welshs Corner

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 2,144 residents in 1820



Population Trends:

Population change for Strafford totaled 2,625 over 41 years, from 1,663 in 1980 to 4,288 in 2021. The largest decennial percent change was a 77 percent increase between 1980 and 1990. The 2021 Census estimate for Strafford was 4,288 residents, which ranked 91st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.



Population Density and Land Area, 2021 (US Census Bureau): 87.6 persons per square mile of land area. Strafford contains 49.0 square miles of land area and 2.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES	
Type of Government	Selectmen
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2022	\$3,976,875
Budget: School Appropriations, 2022-2023	\$12,380,803
Zoning Ordinance	1970/22
Master Plan	2002
Capital Improvement Plan	Yes
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	Planning Board

Boards and Commissions	
Elected:	Selectmen; Library; Planning; Zoning Board of Adjustment
Appointed:	Conservation
Public Library	Hill

EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department			Full-time
Fire Department			Part-time
Emergency Medical Service			Part-time
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
Frisbie Memorial, Rochester	10 miles	23	

UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier			Eversource Energy
Natural Gas Supplier			None
Water Supplier			Private wells
Sanitation			Private septic
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant			No
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup			None
Pay-As-You-Throw Program			No
Recycling Program			Mandatory
Telephone Company			Consolidated Communications; TDS
Cellular Telephone Access			Yes
Cable Television Access			Yes
Public Access Television Station			No
High Speed Internet Service:	Business		Limited
	Residential		Limited

PROPERTY TAXES		<i>(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)</i>	
2021 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$18.46	
2021 Equalization Ratio		90.9	
2021 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$16.75	
2021 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		97.3%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		1.5%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		1.2%	

HOUSING		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Total Housing Units		1,731	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		1,597	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		52	
Five or More Units in Structure		0	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		82	

POPULATION (1-YEAR ESTIMATES/DECENNIAL)		<i>(US Census Bureau)</i>	
Total Population	Community	County	
2021	4,288	132,416	
2020	4,237	131,006	
2010	3,991	123,143	
2000	3,649	112,676	
1990	2,936	104,348	
1980	1,663	85,324	

DEMOGRAPHICS				<i>AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY (ACS) 2016-2020</i>	
Population by Gender					
Male	1,868	Female		2,318	
Population by Age Group					
Under age 5				224	
Age 5 to 19				683	
Age 20 to 34				579	
Age 35 to 54				1,155	
Age 55 to 64				684	
Age 65 and over				861	
Median Age				48.7 years	
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over					
High school graduate or higher				87.5%	
Bachelor's degree or higher				37.8%	

INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		<i>(ACS 2016-2020)</i>	
Per capita income			\$41,017
Median family income			\$118,889
Median household income			\$115,344
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$55,469
Female			\$67,115
Individuals below the poverty level			7.7%

LABOR FORCE			<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average	2011	2021		
Civilian labor force	2,141	2,226		
Employed	2,041	2,167		
Unemployed	100	59		
Unemployment rate	4.7%	2.7%		

EMPLOYMENT & WAGES				<i>(NHES – ELMII)</i>	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2011	2021			
Goods Producing Industries					
Average Employment	112			n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 727			n	
Service Providing Industries					
Average Employment	80			n	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 793			n	
Total Private Industry					
Average Employment	192			273	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 754			\$1,090	
Government (Federal, State, and Local)					
Average Employment	151			141	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 592			\$ 720	
Total, Private Industry plus Government					
Average Employment	343			414	
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 683			\$ 964	

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EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Strafford operates grades K-8; grades 9-12 are tuitioned to Coe-Brown Academy** District: **SAU 44**
 Career Technology Center(s): **Dover Career Technical Center; R.W. Creteau Regional Technology Ctr.; Somersworth Career Technical Center**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1			
Grade Levels	P K 1-8			
Total Enrollment	393			

Nearest Community College: **NHTI-Concord**
 Nearest Colleges or Universities: **University of NH**

2021 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing) Total Facilities: **2** Total Capacity: **107**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
David R. Whitcher, Builder	Building contractor	25	1971
Amusement Media, Inc.	Media & marketing	15	1997
Parker Mountain Machine	Machine Shop	8	2020
Independence Inn	Restaurant & Inn	5	2022
Isinglass Country Store	Convenience store	3	1985
Strafford Machine & Welding	Job machine shop	2	1974
Strafford Insulating Technologies	Insulation	1	1985

Employer Information Supplied by Municipality

TRANSPORTATION (distances estimated from city/town hall)			
Road Access	US Routes		
	State Routes	126, 202A	
Nearest Interstate, Exit	Spaulding Tpk., Exit 16; I-95, Exit 5		
Distance		9 miles; 29 miles	
Railroad		No	
Public Transportation		No	
Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation			
Skyhaven, Rochester	Runway	4,200 ft. asphalt	
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes	
Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service			
Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	47 miles	
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4	
Driving distance to select cities:			
Manchester, NH		32 miles	
Portland, Maine		62 miles	
Boston, Mass.		79 miles	
New York City, NY		270 miles	
Montreal, Quebec		264 miles	
COMMUTING TO WORK (ACS 2016-2020)			
Workers 16 years and over			
Drove alone, car/truck/van		77.6%	
Carpooled, car/truck/van		5.8%	
Public transportation		0.0%	
Walked		3.1%	
Other means		1.3%	
Worked at home		12.2%	
Mean Travel Time to Work		33.6 minutes	
Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2016-2020			
Working in community of residence		48.5%	
Commuting to another NH community		46.7%	
Commuting out-of-state		4.8%	

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS	
	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
	Museums
	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
	Bicycle Trails
	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
X	Overnight or Day Camps
	Nearest Ski Area(s): Gunstock
	Other: Bow Lake